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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE MCNAMARA VISIT TO SYRIA

1. DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED CONFIDENTIALLY FROM IBRD THAT MR. MCNAMARA MAY VISIT SYRIA ABOUT MID-NOVEMBER IN COURSE OF TRIP TO JORDAN AND TURKEY. APPARENTLY POSSIBILITY OF VISIT TO SYRIA WAS DISCUSSED BETWEEN MCNAMARA AND IMADI DURING LATTER'S STAY IN WASHINGTON LAST WEEK AND IMADI IS EXPLORING MATTER WITHIN SARG.

2. IBRD SOURCES STRESS THAT MCNAMARA'S PLANS FOR VISIT TO SYRIA ARE STILL TENTATIVE AND ASK THAT WE HOLD INFORMATION THEREON CLOSELY.

3. FOREGOING SHOULD BE TREATED AS FYI ONLY UNTIL SUCH TIME AS EMBASSY NOTIFIED OF FIRM PLANS FOR MCNAMARA VISIT TO SYRIA. INGERSOLL

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